## **Public Notice**

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## State of Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Public Notice for RFP# 201507116 Maine Farms for the Future Program, Round 15: Phase 1 - Business Plan Development (2015-2017) with potential Phase 2 - Investment Support in 2017

The State of Maine, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, is required to offer grants for business plan development (Phase 1) and investment support (Phase 2) as authorized in the Maine Farms for the Future Program (Title7, MRS Chapter 10-B). In accordance with State procurement practices, the Department is hereby announcing the publication of a Request for Proposals (RFP) # 201507116 for the purchase of the aforementioned business plan development services.

A copy of the RFP can be obtained by contacting the Department's RFP Coordinator for this project: Kimbalie Lawrence. The RFP Coordinator can be reached at the following email address: <a href="mailto:Kimbalie.Lawrence@Maine.gov">Kimbalie.Lawrence@Maine.gov</a> or mailing address: 28 State House Station, Augusta, Maine, 04333-0028

Attn: Kimbalie Lawrence. The Department encourages all interested vendors to obtain a copy of the RFP and submit a competitive proposal.

A Bidders' Conference will be held at the Department Offices on Thursday, August 13, 2015, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in Room 319 in the Deering Building located at 90 Blossom Lane in Augusta, Maine.

Proposals must be submitted to the State of Maine Division of Purchases, located at the Burton M. Cross Office Building, 111 Sewall Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 9 State House Station, Augusta, Maine, 04333-0009. Proposals must be submitted by 2:00 pm, local time, on Thursday, September 10, 2015, when they will be opened at the Division of Purchases' aforementioned address. Proposals not received at the Division of Purchases' aforementioned address by the aforementioned deadline will not be considered for contract award.

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